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SUBJECT: IEA: GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10

ON CIEC ENERGY COMMISSION STRATEGY

- 1. SUMMARY: GOVERNING BOARD DEVOTED ALMOST ENTIRE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10 TO DISCUSSION AND COMMENT ON ORAL REPORT BY AD-HOC, INFORMAL GROUP CHAIRMAN BURROWS RE SUBSTANCE CIEC ENERGY COMMISSION POSITION PAPERS PGZJJZED BY GROUP. BURROWS STRESSED NEED TO QUICKLY DEVELOP AN IEA "PACKAGE" OF CONCEPTS WHICH G-8 MIGHT PUT FORWARD AS OUTCOME OF ENERGY COMMISSION WORK, I.E., THOSE ELEMENTS THAT IEA AGREES SHOULD BE IN FINAL COMMINQUE. ALL DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED THIS IDEA. US DEL (BOSWORTH)DESCRIBED POSSIBLE OUTCOME US ENVISAGES FOR WORK OF ENERGY COMMISSION. END SUMMARY.
- 2. BURROWS SAID HE FELT IEA "PACKAGE" SHOULD CONTAIN SOMETHING ON: 1) EDDC'S (IEI AND PERHAPS IRB WOULD BE INCLUDED); R&D COOPERATION; AND CONTINUATION OF ENERGY DIALOGUE. (IN LATTER REGARD, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BURROWS MENTIONED RECENT NEGATIVE STATEMENTS BY

SAUDI ENERGY COMMISSION CO-CHAIRMAN TAHER RE ACCEPTABILITY TO OPEC OF ANY INSTITUTIONALIZED ENERGY DIALOGUE.) HE FELT DEVELOPMENT SUCH A PACKAGE ESSENTIAL REGARDLESS OF WHETHER CIEC RESUMES OR NOT SINCE DC'S MUST HAVE IN HAND SOMETHING TO SHOW PUBLICLY WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED IN THE DIALOGUE.

- 3. USDEL (BOSWORTH) REVIEWED DIFFERENCES THAT LED TO CIEC IMPASSE ON WORK PROGRAMS AND STATED THAT ENERGY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM NOW LIKELY TO EMERGE REQUIRES SOME MODIFICATION OF G-8 STRATEGY ON HOW TO ACHIEVE DESIRED RESULTS FROM COMMISSION. PRIOR TO JULY, IEA COULD ANTICIPATE WORK PROGRAM DESIGNED UNDER THE GENERAL HEADING OF COOPERATION COVERING ALL ELEMENTS INCLUDING PRICE, SPECIAL COOPERATIVE MEASURES DESIGNED TO ALLEVIATE ENERGY PROBLEMS OF EDDC'S, AND SOME FORM OF ON-GOING DIALOGUE. NOW WE FORESEE QUITE DIFFERENT WORK PROGRAM EMERGING, DETAILED ON MANY ENERGY ISSUES, BUT NOT PROVIDING IN ITSELF A FRAMEWORK FOR AN ON-GOING DIALOGUE.
- 4. BOSWORTH NOTED THAT IN VIEW PERFORMANCE OF G-19 TO DATE, HE FELT IT WAS GOING TO BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON GENERAL ENERGY ISSUES BEYOND COMPLETELY ANODYNE STATEMENTS. IF DC'S WISH SECURE ACCEPTABLE COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE, CONSIDERABLE EFFORT WOULD HAVE TO BE DEVOTED IN REMAINING MONTHS TO DRAFTING PROCESS. AT THE END OF EACH REMAINING COMMISSION MEETING THERE WILL HAVE TO BE EFFORTS TO PUT DOWN ON PAPER LANGUAGE SUMMING UP CONCLUSIONS OF MEETING FOR USE AS GRIST IN DRAFTING EVENTUAL COMMUNIQUE.
- 5. US ENVISAGES FOLLOWING ELEMENTS IN EVENTUAL ENERGY COMMISSION RESULTS, BOSWORTH STATED. (1) GENERAL CONCLUSIONS TO BE DRAWN FROM ANALYTICAL PHASE OF DIALOGUE. AT BEST THESE CONCLUSIONS WOULD INCLUDE LANGUAGE ON FUTURE ENERGY RISKS TO WORLD ECONOMY (I.E., A NON-SMOOTH TRANSITION PERIOD) AND PRESENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FUTURE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS TO TAKE ACTION TO AVOID THOSE RISKS.

(2) CONCLUSIONS ON THREE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF EDDC ENERGY PROBLEMS WHICH WILL BE ALSO DRAWN FROM ANALYTIC PHASE:

(A) ON IMPACT OF PRESENT OIL PRICE AND FUTURE OIL PRICE RISES ON EDDC BOP, DEBT, GROWTH, ETC. ON

THIS HE NOTED THAT G-8 IS NOT EXPOSED AND CAN POINT TO JAMAICA AGREEMENT, ETC. HE WARNED THAT, NONETHELESS, DC'S COULD ANTICIPATE THAT G-19 WILL NOT ADMIT THAT THESE PAST EFFORTS WERE ADEQUATE AND THAT WE WOULD RECEIVE DEMANDS FOR ADDITIONAL BALANCE OF

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PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE.

(B) NEED OF LDC OIL PRODUCERS AND NON-PRODUCERS ALIKE FOR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY. HERE G-8 HAS SPECIFIC PROPOSALS SUCH AS IEI, AND GENERAL R&D COOPERATION ON WHICH WE WOULD WISH TO OBTAIN POLITICAL COMMITMENT IN COMMUNIQUE. (FOR IEI WE WOULD ALSO HOPE TO OBTAIN SOME COMMISSION ELABORATION INFLUENCING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND CONTENT OF IEI AS IT IS SUBSEQUENTLY ESTABLISHED IN UN OR OTHER FRAMEWORK.)

(C) NEED TO INCREASED RESOURCE TRANSFER TO EDDC'S TO DEVELOP THEIR INDIGENOUS ENERGY RESOURCES. NON OIL LDC'S ARE ALREADY DEMANDING INCREMENTAL RESOURCE

TRANSFERS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, BOSWORTH STATED. THE US WILL STRESS THAT PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD HAVE TO ASSUME MAJOR PART OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASED FLOW OF FUNDS FOR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. US WOULS SEE ITS IRB PROPOSAL AS DESIGNED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO NEED TO FACILITATE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. BUT G-19 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS ALREADY SIGNALLED IN CIEC THAT THEY WILL PRESS AS WELL FOR INCREASED MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL ODA FOR ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT.

- 6. WITH REGARD TO ON-GOING ENERGY DIALOGUE, WE SHOULD NOT MAKE CONCRETE DEFINITION OF ITS INSTITUTIONAL MAKEUP A PRINCIPAL DC OBJECTIVE IN CIEC. THE G-19 WILL TRY TO LINK IT TO THE OUTCOME ON OTHER ISSUES IN THE ENERGY AREA (INDEXATION) AND IN OTHER CIEC COMMISSIONS. BOSWORTH ALSO POINTED TO THE REAL SAUDI CONCERN OVER TREATMENT OF THEIR FINANCIAL ASSETS AS ONE MAJOR ISSUE OF THE DIALOGUE AND ONE WHICH, GIVEN ITS POSSIBLE INFLUENCE ON FUTURE SAUDI PRODUCTION POLICIES, AND THUS ON THE FUTURE OIL PRICE, DC'S SHOULD BE AS POSITIVE AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY ON SUCH ISSUES AS ACCESS TO INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES, ETC. IN THIS CONTEXT HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR RAPID AND EFFECTIVE IEA EFFORTS TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE AS VITAL TO THE IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM DYNAMICS OF ANY DIALOGUE WITH PRODUCERS, PARTICULARLY SINCE ANY DEYELOPMENT OF DEMAND FOR OPEC OIL ALONG LINES OF LTEA PROJECTIONS WOULD GREATLY RESTRICT SAUDI ABILITY TO CONTINUE THEIR MODERATING IMPACT ON OPEC PRICE DECISIONS.
- 7. ALL DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED MOVING AHEAD QUICKLY TO FORMULATE AN IEA "PACKAGE," AS SUGGESTED BY BURROWS. (US DELEGATION LATER INFORMED BY BURROWS THAT HE WILL BEGIN DRAFTING PAPER OUTLINING SUCH A PACKAGE IMMEDIATELY AND HOPES TO GIVE IT TO IEA SECRETARIAT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CAPITALS BY SEPT. 16. HE WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS PRIOR TO SEPT. 21 GB MEETING.) MOST DELS ECHOED NEED FOR REDUCED DEPENDENCE CITING RECENT OECD LONG TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT (LTEA). SEVERAL DREW ON LTEA TO SUPPORT NEED FOR ONGOING DIALOGUE. DANES, HOWEVER, POINTED OUTTHAT ON-GOING DIALOGUE MAY NOT BE IN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY INTEREST IN LIGHT OF LTEA WHICH BASED ON PRESENT IEA ENERGY POLICIES; THAT ON -GOING DIALOGUE MORE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE IEA

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OBJECTIVES IF EFFECTIVE NEW POLICIES TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE EFFORTS VISIBLY UNDERWAY IN IEA COUNTRIES. TURNER.

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